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To Whom It May Concern:

NOTICE OF FINAL HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT DECISION – HERAEUS METAL PROCESSING, LLC.

In accordance with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66271.14, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is issuing this Notice of Final Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Decision (Notice) for the following facility:

Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC. (Heraeus)
15524 Carmenita Road
Santa Fe Springs, California 90670
EPA ID Number: CAD 060 398 229

Heraeus is a precious metal recycling facility. They recover precious metals such as gold, silver, platinum, palladium, rhodium and other platinum metal groups. The Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) authorizes Heraeus to store and treat hazardous waste which are generated during the recycling process. On May 28, 2010, DTSC published a public notice in the Daily News Los Angeles (an English language newspaper) and in La Opinion Newspaper (a Spanish language newspaper). These notices announced the start of a 45-day public comment period to solicit comments on the Draft Permit and the draft Negative Declaration. The public comment period ended on July 12, 2010.

After the public comment closed, the City of Santa Fe Springs Fire Department required Heraeus to increase the size of Container Storage Area S1-B from 34 feet by 15 ft to 46.67 feet by 53.25 feet to better segregate the waste without increasing the storage capacity. Because the original public comment period had closed at the time the Santa Fe Springs Fire Department submitted its requirement, DTSC re-opened the public comment period to specifically address the increase in the area of Container Storage Area S1-B only. This comment period started on May 10, 2011 and ended on June 24, 2011. No public meeting or hearing was held. A public notice was placed in the English and Spanish local newspaper, fact sheets in English and Spanish were mailed to the surrounding residents and an ad was purchased on a local radio station.

Public comments were received by electronic mail and postal mail. DTSC has prepared a Response to the Comments (RTC) document and made changes to the Draft Permit. The RTC document and the DTSC memorandum listing all changes from the draft to final permit are available for public review at the repositories listed at the end of this Notice.

The Final Permit becomes effective on October 31, 2011 unless a review is requested pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66271.18. Any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing may petition DTSC to review any conditions of the permit decision. Any person who failed to file comments on the draft Permit may petition for administrative review only to the extent of the changes from the draft to the final permit decision. The petition shall include a statement of the reasons supporting that review, including a demonstration that any issues being raised were raised during the public comment period to the extent required by the regulations and when appropriate, a showing that the condition in question is based on:

1. A finding of fact or conclusion of law which is clearly erroneous, or
2. An exercise of discretion or an important policy consideration which DTSC should, in its discretion, review.

A petition must be postmarked or received no later than October 28, 2011, and must be submitted to:

Mr. Mohinder Sandhu, P.E.
Permit Appeal Officer
Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California 95826-3200
Email: MSandhu@dtsc.ca.gov

A copy of the petition should also be sent to:

Alfred Wong, P.E., Team Leader
Used Oil and Tanks Team
Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710-2721

A copy of the complete administrative record for this permit decision is available for review at DTSC's Berkeley office at:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200
Berkeley, California 94710
Contact: Mr. Carl Rose at (510) 540-3800 for an appointment

Copies of the Final Permit, the Response to Comments document, the DTSC memorandum listing the revisions made to the draft Permit, a redline/strikeout version of the Permit that shows the changes, and the CEQA documents are also available for review at:

Santa Fe Springs City Library
11700 Telegraph Road
Santa Fe Springs, California 90670
Call (562) 868-7738 for hours

These documents are also available at DTSC's website: www.dtsc.ca.gov.

DTSC would like to thank everyone who participated in this permitting process. Please bring this notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Joanna Louie at (510) 540-3957 or jlouie@dtsc.ca.gov.